

## **Minutes (Revised)**

### **D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting**

**July 10, 2019**

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Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Henry Eberhardt, Maynard Wheeler, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian, Tom Conger, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Jim Baum, Bill Collishaw, Dave Prewitt, Pete Bleyler, Dave Armstrong, Red Facher, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (present)

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Don O'Neill, Class President, called the meeting to order at 3PM EDT.

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for both the May 8<sup>th</sup> and the June 12<sup>th</sup> class officers conference call/meetings. The Minutes for both dates were approved unanimously as written and submitted.

Don also reported that the class DCF results were now available from the College and that the Class of '61 had once again excelled. The '61 DCF team would provide more detail later in the meeting.

Don then thanked Vince Wilson for his assistance to the '61 Class during the year.

Finally, Don suggested that a letter be sent via email and/or perhaps also by snail mail (possibly along with one of our class dues solicitation notices) to all classmates outlining our key class accomplishments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The final section of the CAR report currently being completed for the fiscal year just ended should provide most of the material needed. Also, the finalized letter could be included in the next class newsletter.

#### Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for both the May and June 2019 class officers conference call/meetings.

At the end of June 2019, Vic wrote and submitted the D'61 Class Column for the Sept./Oct. 2019 issue of the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*.

In response to a request to all classes from Beth Kelly, Director of Alumni Class Activities, to submit stories about "how you and your classmates are celebrating Dartmouth's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary", with the best stories to be published by the College later in the year, Vic stated that, with the assistance of Frank Stephens, he had produced and submitted a summary of the London mini-reunion.

Vic mentioned that the July/August 2019 issue of the DAM had a feature article on the back inside page about '61 classmate Denny Dinan, who was the editor of the entire DAM for a 10-year period from 1973–1983, before being fired by then Dartmouth College President McLaughlin over certain magazine policy disagreements apparently relating to the magazine's too independent viewpoints.

Vic also mentioned that he had received from classmate Dick Noel a video on the possibility of afterlife. Dick, after research and personal experience, now strongly believes that such state of life may really exist. At Dick's request, anyone interested in receiving his monologue and wishing to learn more about this field should contact Dick Noel at [dick\\_noel2001@yahoo.com](mailto:dick_noel2001@yahoo.com).

Finally, Vic had received an email from alumni Pete Frederick '65 and Whit Spaulding '89 who produced a 272-page coffee table book entitled *Dartmouth Undying*, which chronicles Dartmouth's storied and eclectic history as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the College. This book would be the first historical retrospective since the advent of co-education at Dartmouth. Anyone interested in purchasing the *Dartmouth Undying* book should go to < [dartmouth-undying.com](http://dartmouth-undying.com) >; apparently 50% of the profits will go to projects which support the history and traditions of Dartmouth. Any '61 alumnus with any story, photo or memory relating to their time at Dartmouth was asked to submit same for potential posting in the blog on the Dartmouth-Undying.com website.

### Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, Class Treasurer, was not able to attend the class officers conference call and did not submit a written report. However, Don reported that the cash account balance at Ledyard Bank for the Class as of July 10<sup>th</sup> was \$47,016. Don also reported that the Class had 264 dues payers for the year out of a '61 dues base of 469, for a

very commendable dues participation of 56%. Jim mentioned to Don that he was planning to send out the Class' first dues notice for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 earlier than in prior years. Vic noted that the dues notices for each year included requested voluntary contributions by classmates for various class projects, which this year raised an additional \$6,824 for that purpose.

#### On-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (Hanover, NH – October 2019)

Maynard Wheeler, chair of the Class' on-campus mini-reunions, reported that not much new had occurred with respect to the October mini on October 11-13, 2019. Because the mini weekend coincides with Homecoming Weekend, Maynard urged everyone expecting to attend to obtain off-campus housing as soon as possible. Maynard, Harris and Vince will prepare an email and/or letter to go out to all classmates as soon as possible recommending local hotels/motels to call for housing, explaining how to obtain football tickets and how to sign up for special class activities, including class meals.

#### Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Harris McKee, a co-chair of our Class DCF efforts, presented the monthly written report prepared by Harris and reviewed by Hank Eberhardt, another class co-chair along with Rog McArt.

Harris reported our again outstanding class achievement in exceeding both the Class' total cash contribution goal AND the Class' participation goal established last year for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

- Total cash contributions of \$242,282 were received versus our '61 cash goal of \$225,000, or 108%, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.
- With respect to participation, 359 classmate donors made a DCF contribution out of a donor base for the class of 478, which puts the Class at 75.1% versus the Class' stated goal of 75%. With respect to participation throughout all classes, only the Class of 1960 (with a class DCF participation of 77.2%) achieved a higher class DCF participation percentage.

Don congratulated the Class DCF team, including Vince, and the entire Class of 1961 for another outstanding job for the fiscal year just ended.

### D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the ad-hoc Class Constitution Update Committee organized to review and revise the '61 Class Constitution where necessary or desirable, was unable to attend the conference call and did not submit a report. However, Don reported that he, with assistance from Bill, Denny, Harris and Vic, would complete the re-write of the final revised draft of revisions to the '61 Class Constitution (Articles III, V, VI, VII) for final review by Bill and then submit same to the entire '61 class officers as a group for their approval, probably after the August 2019 conference call.

After that is achieved, a copy of the existing current Class Constitution and the proposed amendments thereto will be made available to all classmates with the intention of a Class vote to "accept" or "reject" at the next '61 Class Meeting, scheduled to be held during our October 2019 mini-reunion in Hanover.

### Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Neither Dave Armstrong nor Red Facher, co-chairs of the '61 Class BTS efforts, was able to attend the conference call/meeting and no report was submitted. Dave had stated at the June class officers conference call/meeting that once the class DCF efforts were completed f/y/e June 30, 2019, he would initiate a conference call with Red and other selected class officers and with Vince Wilson to decide how best to move forward immediately with expansion of the class BTS effort.

### Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, was unable to attend the conference call and did not submit a report. However, Vince Wilson reported that since last month there were no new funds contributed by classmates, so that the final \$931 was still needed to be received (or committed) in order for the Class to fully fund the \$100,000 minimum financial requirements necessary to endow this two-part class project.

However, there were enough funds already contributed with the initial \$50,000 deposit from the Class to enable this project to have begun partial implementation starting in August 2018, when the College started making monthly distributions from the endowment to the two departments administering the grants (the Hopkins Center and the Dickey Center).

### Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Committee

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, co-chairs of the WIC, reported that they (with the assistance of Vic Rich) had begun writing a year-end report of the WIC for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Going forward for the current fiscal year, they would send out a communication oriented toward encouraging more spouses, significant others and widows to attend the '61 October mini in Hanover and the November 9<sup>th</sup> Dartmouth /Princeton football game at Yankee Stadium in New York, including the anticipated pre-game luncheon or post-game dinner for the Class of 1961. Also, they hoped to expand and update the WIC contact list of '61 spouses, significant others and widows.

### Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted eight updates to the website and six class emails, including four DCF related and two of general interest.

### Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that no classmates were officially reported to have passed away during the past month. Out of the original class of 721 members, as of June 30, 2019 the class has 532 living members, or 74% (the actual number of living classmates may be slightly smaller since there are about 14 classmates who have been "lost" by the College – no viable mail address).

### Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, reported that the June edition of the '61 class newsletter (our third of the fiscal year) had been completed and published in June.

### D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, was not able to attend the conference call/meeting and no report was submitted.

### Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class as it has related to the College since 1961, stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

### New Business

- Don O'Neill reported that completion of the '61 Class Activity Report (CAR), due July 30th for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 was now the top priority for the class officers. All sections of the newly revised CAR have been assigned, usually to more than one class officer and then with Don and three other class officers having overall review and oversight responsibility.
- Denny Denniston and Gerry Kaminsky have been appointed to develop a pre-game luncheon and/or a post-game dinner for those classmates and spouses/significant others and widows planning to attend the Dartmouth/Princeton football game at Yankee Stadium on November 9, 2019 and any other classmates, et al interested parties, desiring to attend only the pre-game luncheon and/or post-game dinner (excluding the football game).
- Don asked all existing '61 class officers to consider ways to engage other classmates, spouses of classmates and widows of classmates to engage in the leadership and management of the great Class of '61 going forward. Also, consider any specific classmates for consideration to be added to the existing 19-person current officer group before the end of the calendar year.
- At Oscar's recommendation, it was agreed unanimously that the Class would now also contribute to the existing '61 Performing Arts Legacy project \$100 in the name of every known deceased spouse of a classmate retroactive to July 1, 2018 and going forward. Previously, only deceased classmates were remembered and recognized in this manner.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm EDT.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at noon EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

